Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula I:

$$X \xrightarrow{Q \xrightarrow{Y}} R_1$$

wherein

X is selected from C_1 - C_8 alkyl, which may be optionally substituted with up to 3 substituents each independently selected from phenyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl- $S(O)_n$ - where n is 0, 1 or 2, -CF3, -CN and -CONH2;

Y is selected from

wherein

 R_3 , R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl- $S(O)_n$ - where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF3, -SCF3 and cyano;

 R_6 and R_7 are independently selected from halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl- $S(O)_n$ - where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF₃, -SCF₃ and cyano;

R₈ is selected from chloro, bromo, iodo, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkyl S(O)_n-where n is 0, 1 or 2, nitro, acetyl, -CF₃, -SCF₃ and eyano; and

 R_1 and R_2 are each independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; provided when R_3 and R_4 are hydrogen, R_5 is not hydrogen.

Claims 2-5 (canceled).

6. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in $[[c]]\underline{C}$ laim 1, wherein the compound possesses the stereochemistry defined in formula Π

$$X \xrightarrow{Q} Y$$
 $X \xrightarrow{R_1} R_2$
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7. (withdrawn-currently amended) A compound as claimed Claim 1 wherein the compound possesses the stereochemistry defined in formula III

$$X \xrightarrow{Q} Y \\ X \xrightarrow{R_2} R_2$$

8. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein X is C_1 - C_8 alkyl which may be optionally substituted with one substituent independently selected from phenyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, halo, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl- $S(O)_n$ - where n is 0, 1 or 2, and -CF₃.

Claims 9-14 (canceled).

15. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in Claim 8 wherein Y is selected from

wherein

R₃, R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃; R₆ and R₇ are independently selected from halo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃; and R₈ is selected from chloro, bromo, iodo, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and -CF₃; provided when R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen, R₅ is not hydrogen.

Claims 16-20 (canceled).

21. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as defined in Claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claims 22-32 (canceled).

33. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in Claim 15 wherein X is n-propyl.